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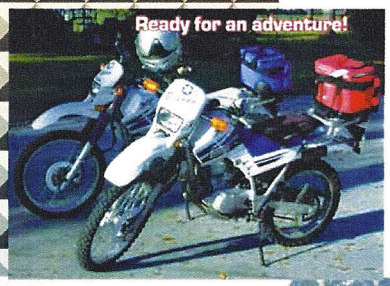
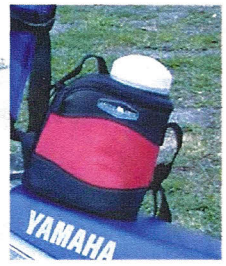


Dual Sport Tail Bag

A lot of riders ask about the tail bags that we use on our Dual Sport bikes. You'll see them in all our adventure videos and ride photos. On our many Dual Sport adventures we've made some important discoveries in how to prepare for a day of riding. One of our favorites is the use of this inexpensive tail bag, and drink carrier. Both add a lot of comfort to a long day's ride.

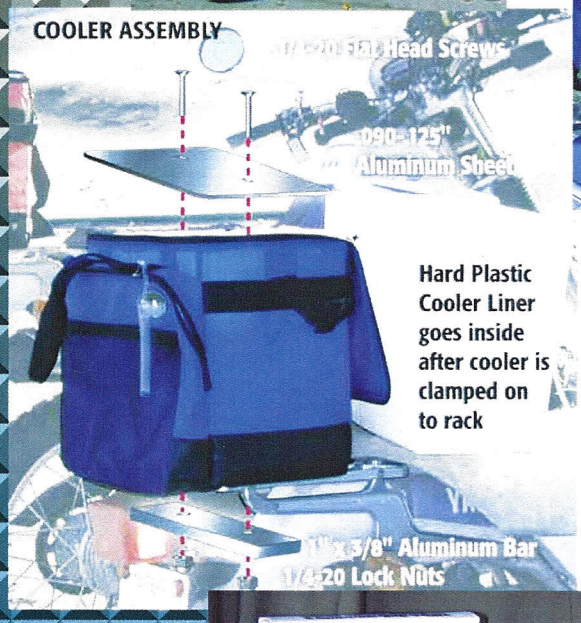
First, you will need to have a rear rack installed. You can buy a top notch Rack-it from our catalog (Rackit), make your own, or order one from your OEM or favorite supplier.

Next, we made a clamp bar from 1/2 x1" aluminum bar stock, a base pan from 1/8" sheet aluminum, and a couple of 1/4x20 flat head screws and locknuts.



Our favorite cooler is made by Arctic Zone, and available from Wal-mart and other stores for about $15. One of its advantages is that it comes in several heights with the same footprint, so they're interchangeable with this mount. Another advantage is that it comes with a hard plastic liner that makes it more stable, protective, and waterproof.

We drill holes in the pan and bar, then punch matching holes in the bottom of the cooler (not the liner) and clamp it to the luggage rack. Once the hard liner is installed, you have a really great waterproof lightweight storage bag for drinks, snacks, and anything else you want to keep cool and dry. Once in a while the inevitable happens and it gets wiped out, but it's easily replaced at the next department store, and at a reasonable cost.



Next we fill a half gallon drink jug, (also made by Arctic Zone) with ice cubes. That leaves exactly enough room for a quart of water, Gatorade, or your favorite thirst quencher. Put this in the tail bag and it'll be ice cold for at least 24 hours. Many a DS rider has offered to pay money to suck on our cold jug! The cooler still has room for power bars, rain suit, camera, tools, and extra gear. –bierdo, 6/7/2001

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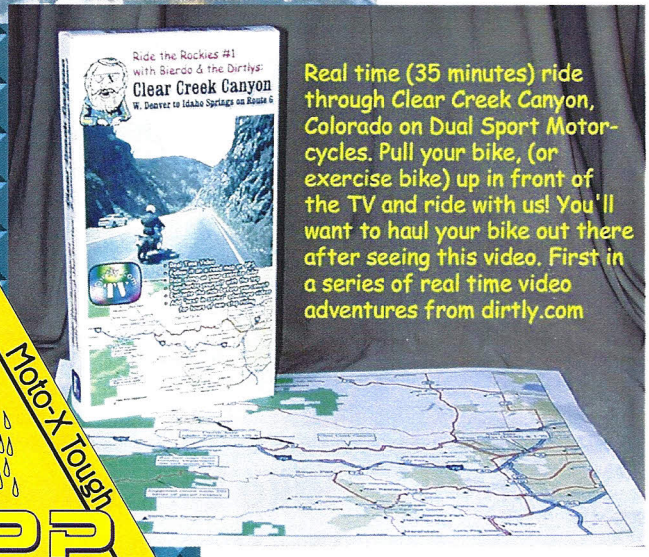
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From The Roadside

By Robert Frey, Founder, WDSRC

New Partnership:

If you remember from the last issue of this newsletter, that the WDSRC has grown to include not only the Dixie Dual Sport newsletter, but also encompasses three e-group sites, combined, reaching the dual sporting needs of over 1400 southeastern enthusiasts! This past month, the WDSRC has linked a mutual promotion agreement with the national magazine Dual Sport News! This will help expose you to Dual Sport News, and will help expose WDSRC/Dixie Dual Sport to readers of that magazine as well! A win-win situation for all. As some of you are aware, I have been contributing various articles to DSN that you can not read here in Dixie, and vice versa. So do yourselves a favor, see the ad farther in the newsletter, and subscribe to Dual Sport News. DSN is not about which bike is faster, or any of that other cycle magazine stuff you're used to. It's by riders for riders. Ride impressions, stories about riding, adventures far away and right next door. Learn what's happening nationally and internationally, and stay right here with WDSRC/Dixie Dual Sport to be on the cutting edge in the southeast region!

STEALTH Rider:

Here we are entering another dual sport season, and our thoughts once again turn to RESPONSIBLE motorcycling! And that brings us to noise!

If you attended Devil's Creek or Bike Week, you know that there is a tech inspection that checks for no race numbers, tags affixed to bikes, and a 92dBa sound test. You may also know that we had sound cards on which to record sound levels. This information has been entered into a database in which to share information and to follow up with riders who may have been on the fringes of sound compliance. Afterall, it used to be that if you were spoken to at the Bike Week ride, that was it. You could go to another ride and do the same thing. No one would know any different. That's about to change.

This year, GARTRA asked the WDSRC to bring our sound crew to the Hooch! The goal here is to create a common expectation within the sport, with common results, with common standards.

What does this means to you? As you know, Ron Westergren doesn't have a problem turning people on loud bikes away and not letting them be a part of the Hooch. Imagine how GARTRA will react if we have a rider who has a known history of a loud bike, has been coached to lower the sound level, and still doesn't, yet shows up to ride on the same loud bike? They won't be ridin'! You know who you are and so do we. Why? It's in the database! We're policing ourselves ladies and gentlemen!

So...If your bike is loud, if your bike is marginally loud, if you've been to an event and asked to quiet your bike down, it's time to do it. Get real. Sound is motorcycling's largest issue. To use an over-the-top phrase from the 80's, You're either part of the problem, or part of the solution. It's all a choice you make. You are in control. You make the decisions. So make your choice. If you want to play, you have to play by the rules. Quiet bike and join the fun or loud bike and looking in.

As President Bush said, you're either with us or against us. The same applies to this sport. Your either promoting the sport or detracting from it. Your choice, what are you going to do?

A lot of people talk about being responsible, and some are. For those of you still too loud, it's time to step up to the plate. *- Swampy*

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THE RETURN OF THE

BIKE WEEK DUAL SPORT RIDE

BY SWAMPY

Last year it came as a last minute surprise that the Daytona Dirt Riders had decided not to continue with the Alligator Dual Sport Ride during Bike Week. The WDSRC was inundated with requests from riders to put something on that week, but there was not enough time to get the permit process going, and we were already in the midst of completing the process for the Seminole Wind ride that May.

After polling the membership, it was decided that we should take the Seminole Wind ride that we hold each May and move it up two months to March! Afterall, we already use the same forest. No brainer. And the word spread beginning last August. Which brings us to March 2, 2003. WDSRC's inaugural Bike Week Dual Sport Ride. The permit process went smoothly, members were lining up to help pull this off. It's good to see more and more folks willing to help out in some way to make an event a success!

The adventure begins on Saturday. Swampy arrives at the campground to start setting up the sign-up area and await the trail marking team. But due to unforeseen circumstances (RV breaking down and emergency at work) they weren't coming. Luckily, a few other members who had arrived early stepped up to take control. Ranger Rick, Sarasota Tim, RXC Mark and Swampy took off around 1pm to start ribboning the route. Using the "leap-frog" method of ribboning it was a breeze and the pace was fast. The crew finished up at dusk, and enjoyed a time of relaxation at the "88" before heading back in the dark. That was a trip in itself as Swampy led the crew on a whoop filled night ride short-cut back to the campground. Ranger Rick is probably still swearing at him!

Sunday morning. Rich and Patrick are beginning to move riders through the tech inspection, 92dBa sound check, license plates, and no race numbers, This event was pre-entry only so Thunderdog and the Mrs. are set up for waivers and riders packs, Frank Fiegl and Dan "wheresthedamnkeyformyklr" Gagnon are directing people through the sign in process. Dirtboy and Tree Magnet Tom are already out in the sticks pre-riding and making any necessary remarking. RibShark (rumor has it that Sandshark powered away a few whole hogs at the all-you-can-eat ribfest at a local Salt Springs restaurant Friday night!), Hungry Jim, and DirtBikeMike were waiting in the wings to begin their clean-up duties of pulling the ribbons and WDSRC webmaster David Sheets has the support truck ready to meet the crew at various points along the way. So, while folks in the North East were preparing to be snowed in, over 100 riders from around the country were nestled in the far reaches of the Ocala National Forest, awaiting the beginning of the Bike Week Dual Sport Ride.

Everything went quickly and smoothly. Typical registration day for the experienced WDSRC all volunteer crew. License plates, bikes and riders from all over: Oregon, California, Maine, Ohio, and others just to enjoy Florida. Notable bigwig mentions included Swampy, the WDSRC Grand PooBah; GARTRA was represented by Ron Westergren, the master mind behind their hugely popular Chattahoochee Forest Dual Sport in Georgia. Darrell Garrison, Vice President of the Blue Ridge Pathfinders was also in attendance. Another notable was Roger Ansel from AMA Sports, who was on hand to meet and greet the riders, including a very lucky Terry Gilliam, the WDSRC member who won the Grand Prize DRZ400 in the AMA/Suzuki National Dual Sport Series! A brief riders meeting was used to introduce people, go over the ground rules of forest laws, review the route, explain about the lunch process and send them on their way.

During the riders meeting, the rains came. While rain may put a damper on some other Bike Week events, no one here was turning back. Dual sport enthusiasts are a rugged, adventurous, and some may say, a little warped bunch, and weather is just another part of the adventure to them. There is an adventure aspect within a dual sport rider that differentiates them from other forms of motorcyclists. Like cowboys of old on the range, nothing stops them from bringing the herd home. Those familiar with the Ocala National Forest know that rain is the Ocala's best friend, and the week of rain provided the needed ingredient for a packed sand surface that provided excellent traction for the riders.

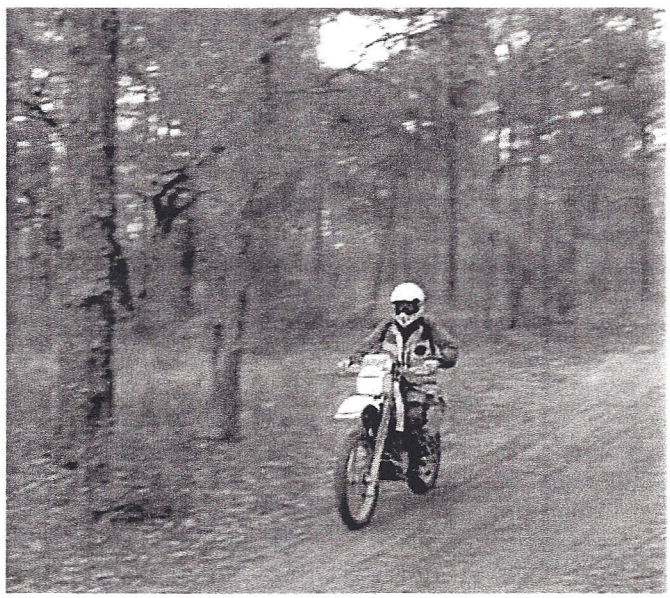
This ride was billed as to not be appropriate for the large road oriented dual sports, and we were about to understand why. The route was broken into two loops, both leaving and arriving at the starting area. This was done to allow riders an "out" in case they decided that they had enough. During the riders meeting it was explained that butts will be kicked first thing, then settle into a nice ride, only to be kicked again later in the run.

The first loop comprised of over 70 miles. The riders were introduced to the forest within the first three. Wet, packed sand allowed people to ride this section without the disturbing dust, concentrating on the variety of terrain and challenges put forth by the trail crew. After face-slappers, s-turns, downed trees, branches, and what not, consider some butts whooped! From here it became easy graded forest roads, lined with towering long leaf pines reaching towards the sky. A brief

pavement section and back into the woods, to what would be considered the most challenging woods stretch of the ride. Mud, water, clay, sand, trees, more face slappers and a half-mile of whoops thrown in the middle to keep you honest. This was definitely NOT the dual sport of previous Bike Weeks! A gas available, then it was on down the road to yet another forest section. This one smooth and wide, yet winding. Uphill and down. Overhanging trees and views through the forest. Beautiful. Another stretch of paved forest road led to yet another woods section, a little more loose in the traction department, but tight enough that your arms still would get scratched from the brush lining the trail. Ending at yet another graded forest road, it was easy going from here to the gas stop. The routed gas stop was located in Eureka, up and over a bridge that towers over the forest canopy allowing a view for miles of the top of the Florida pinelands. From here it was back to lunch. But first, there was the matter of yet another jaunt through the woods, but this one included a rather large log suspended about a foot off the route. More challenges! More woods, more riding. A graded road then the ride to the start area for lunch.

By this time, the rain had passed, the sky cleared up, and the sun was shining. A wonderful March Florida day to be out riding. The riders began to return with smiles on their faces and high-fives to their friends. It's at this time that three lost souls from Pennsylvania showed up. The forth in their party never made it to Daytona and he was the one with directions! But they were in time for lunch! And what could be for lunch but the typical Southern Dual Sport lunch: a half BBQ chicken, beans, coleslaw, drinks. Remember when all you got was a slapped together ham sandwich? I do!

Loop two, only 50+ miles in length, but by far the most fun. Allowing the riders to have lunch settle in their stomachs, the WDSRC sent the riders on an easy section consisting of narrow hard packed graded roads leading to an open forest road which ran along the section known to local riders as "The Dunes". This in turn opened to an expansive water level view of Lake Oklawaha and the paved road leading over the dam. Another paved section took the riders to...yes...yet another woods section. This section was on the low-lying side of elevation, which provided for numerous water and mud holes for 4 miles. Very much like Devil's Creek! Gotta have water! It then opened into a brief stint through a forest community then back onto a tight straight forest trail.



Ron Westergren In The Ocala National Forest

Eventually the riders returned to Salt Springs and the final legs of the ride. As promised, the final butt kicking was about to commence. A short sprint down the highway then it was back into the woods. Full bellies and rider fatigue make for unusual circumstances. Mix into that the infamous Irishman Miles O'Whoop, and the die hards were separated from the criminally insane! Many riders bypassed this section and headed back, content on knowing they rode their ride. After all, it's all about fun.

Back at the staging area, Moose Racing Products, KTM USA, and local dealer Motorcycle Enthusiasts KTM/Triumph made many prizes available. Folks were leaving with hats, t-shirts, jerseys, all sorts of stuff. Bob Torbitt from Deltona walked off with the prize everyone was hoping for, the KTM winter jacket! A special thanks to Barney's Motorcycle and Marine in St Petersburg. They provided Dirtboy for trail work and even the owner, Ray, showed up to ride! THAT is called dedication to the sport!

The day was ending; the clean-up crew was back. RibShark comes by to tell the tale of the "Pennsylvania Three" who were last seen in the low land wet section. The Hungry Jim and DirtBikeMike helped try to get a drowned DRZ started but to no avail, and that our wayward northern friends were calling for a friend to come pick them up. Well, wouldn't you know it. More motorcycle sounds coming down the roadway and who was it? The now infamous "Pennsylvania Three"! All three had the biggest smiles on their faces, fists raised in triumph, whoo-hoo's filled the air! These guys were stoked! They got the DRZ running and were having a blast! Actually, they probably rode the least amount of miles out of anyone but seemed to have had the best fun-per-mile ratio of all the riders!

So prizes were won, new friends from around the country were made, stories were told, sometimes with great exaggeration. But after all, it's about fun and making memories isn't it? Everyone had one heck of a ride on a fabulous mid-winter day in Florida, during Bike Week. What could be better?

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The Kavula Report

Or: What Kind of Mess Can A Future Retiree Get Into This Time!

By Mike Kavula

February 16, 2003 was the scheduled date for GARTRA's annual and first dual sport ride of the year. Terry Dishroon, Molly (The Golden) and I had pre ridden the course (in the SUV due to COLD weather) including about 3.5 miles of private trails (at the end of the ride) which included the private hunt club that is adjacent to his forested land. AMA Sanctioned obtained, 50 copies of the route sheet copied and arrangements were made to meet Hooch stalwart Ron Westergren at sign up since RW had the sign up stuff, bullhorn and all that. I had also made contact with the Oconee District of the USDA Forest Service, requesting that they send a representative to the rider's meeting for some PR work.

Prior to the Feb 16 date it rained the whole week; the day of the event it rained with predictions for severe weather in the afternoon. So what does organizer Kavula do? He loads up the day before and is on the road to Terry's farm by 0630. People had called from parts near and far and asked if I was going to cancel the ride due to weather. Since dirt bikers ride in all kinds of weather (remember On Any Sunday?) I opted to pray for a little blue sky. Obviously, when I got there, everyone was smarter than me and opted to stay home. Then: 2 guys for Florida arrive; Clyde Brown from Greensboro arrives: Mike Tipton of the Forest Service arrives; and Ron Westergren, with no machine, but with sign up supplies arrives. Everyone decides it's too dangerous to ride, they make a contribution to the USDA FS and head home. Mike Tipton and I consume a cup of coffee in his FS SUV and discuss all things about the Town Creek Bike Trails and my up coming retirement to Ohio.

The future retiree decides to reschedule the event after GARTRA grants approval and the transfer of the AMA sanction to the new date, March 16, 2003. E-mails were sent to friends noting the change of date. To my surprise, we had 13 people sign up: veterans of numerous dual sport rides such as Terry Gilliam, Rich Tieslau and John Sanders, some new comers to the sport, Emilio Cobo with the Mrs. as passenger, and the world renown, legendary and often requested Dual Sport Dancers: Laurena Kavula (Suzuki DRS 200) and Laura Mitchell (Suzuki DRZs). The only minor glitch noted at the rider=s meeting was the loss of the hunt club trails since turkey season (hope they're not talking about me) was about to begin.

The ride went rather smoothly, even with Kabuli's traditional route sheet errors, sort of. The relatively dry dirt roads at start were surprising since it had rained quite a bit in the Atlanta area during the previous week. But, for some strange reason the dirt was damp, not dusty, and not really muddy or slippery. Kudos to the Ride Organizer for such great course preparation.

We had some first time riders in the group and during the Rider's Meeting I noted that at one time or another, we were all first timers. I told everyone, Laurena and I would be the last to leave since we had to clean up shop and first timers were welcome to ride with us. By the time everything was packed, everyone was gone! Boy, what friends!! So, we headed out and maintained a leisurely pace to lunch at the Whistle Stop Café. We were on Concord Church Rd or maybe Julliette Road when we approached Mr. and Mrs. Cobo on the huge 640 KTM with OEM lawyer dual sport tires. Someone needs to get those &^%(($ ## lawyers on a dual sport machine with those tires.....) They were taking it easy and had slipped a few times secondary to the lawyer tires. We rode on and met Rich Tieslau who was waiting for the Cobos.

Lunch was great, as usual, although it was better with the former owners. Participants filled two large tables and the conversation with these good people was fantastic. After filling up at the local Chevron we headed for the Piedmont Wildlife Refuge via a new route that included some dirt before the refuge and then the Wildlife viewing area before coming to the visitor=s center. Good ride and great scenery; at the Visitor Center we signed in, toured the viewing area and then headed for the best part of the PWLR ride (about 15 miles with 5 water crossings. The weather was getting colder but, no rain.

We left the center and headed down the 2 lane black top, made our first left on to dirt, the right at the dirt fork and then there was another left turn which would take us into the main PWLR area. AND, the entrance was gated!! Why didn't the fellow at the Visitor Center tell us about this? They knew we were scheduled to ride! So much for Federal employee PR skills.

Howard and I then had one of those typical, "What do we do now meetings?". Since we are all good GARTRA members we opted not to by pass the gate and headed straight on the dirt road. Howard and I were still riding point, he with his GPS and me with the now, useless route sheet. Sort of the blind leading the blind. A scenario, which would repeat itself later in the day. We could have checked our Piedmont maps (free at the

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Date: _____ Rider Signature:_____

Witness Signature:_____ Date:_____

THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FOREST DUAL SPORT RIDE

MAY 31st and JUNE 1st 2003

(800) AMA-JOIN

Proudly presented as a fund raising event by

The Georgia Recreational Trail Riders Association (GARTRA)

*Sanctioned by the **American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)***

For quiet street-legal dual sport motorcycles.

Two days of scenic riding in the North Georgia Mountains. Open to all AMA Dual Sport Enthusiasts!

Course Description

- Two different 125+ mile loops in & around the Chattahoochee National Forest. Shorter course on Sunday
- An easy to moderate course with bypass and short cut options. A great ride for novice & experienced dual sport riders alike! Roll charts provided - needed to follow course. Bring your roll chart holder. **No arrows are used.**
- Gas stations on route. No gas truck! 80 mile range required.
- We will supply a support vehicle at the lunch break each day.

Entry Deadline May 5th

Where: Start both days at the Two Wheels Only (T.W.O.) *motorcycle resort* in Suches, Georgia.

Registration	Entry Fee - Deadline May 5th	No Post Entries	Entry Fee Includes:
Both Days One (1) Day Passenger Sat Dinner	$70.00 $35.00 $10.00 per day $12.00 per person	***Don't Delay*** ***This event fills up early!***	Camping (no RV hookup) Friday to Monday am. Hot showers & laundry. Coffee & bagel breakfast, & catered lunch on route each day.

Accommodations

- T.W.O. (706) 747-5151 (Lodge and Cabins)
- Econo Lodge (706) 864-6191 (Dahlonega)
- Super 8 Motel (706) 864-4343 (Dahlonega)
- Days Inn (706) 864-2338 (Dahlonega)

Directions

Suches is on Highway 60
15 miles north of Dahlonega, GA

Saturday Night Dinner
$12.00 per person

Event T-Shirts
$14.00 each

Requirements

- The operator MUST be an AMA member - *bring card for verification* - & be at least 16 years old. Parental consent required for minors.
- Your bike MUST have a current license plate, be street legal in the state of registration, & be equipped with a USFS approved spark arrestor & muffler which must pass 92dba at 20". *No pass...no ride.*
- We DO NOT provide medical insurance, & urge you NOT to operate a motorcycle without it.
- This is not a race or an enduro without check points. This event is for responsible dual sport riders on *quiet* dual sport bikes.

Schedule

Friday	6:00-8:00 pm	Registration
Saturday	7:00-8:00 am	Registration
	8:00 am	Mandatory Riders Meeting
	9:15 am	Last Rider Out
	6:00 pm	Last Check-In
	6:30 pm	Dinner
Sunday	7:00-8:00 am	Registration
	8:00 am	Mandatory Riders Meeting
	9:15 am	Last Rider Out
	5:00 pm	Last Check-In

Register Early
Limited Entries

Pre Entry Only!!!!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(770) 792-3805

Ron714@bellsouth.net

detach here

Mail entry, check or money order to: GARTRA, c/o Ron Westergren, P.O. Box 877, Andrews, NC 28901

I AM ENTERING:

- ❑ Both Days - $70.00
- ❑ Saturday only - $35.00
- ❑ Sunday only - $35.00
- ❑ Passenger Both Days - $20.00
- ❑ Passenger Saturday only - $10.00
- ❑ Passenger Sunday only - $10.00
- ❑ Saturday Dinner #_____ @ $12.00 = $_____

❑ Event T-shirts: ____sm ____med ____lg ____xlg ____xxlg (specify quantity for each size)
Total # of Event T-shirts - _____ @ $14.00 each = $_____

Bike Make_____
Model_____
Year_____
Stock Exhaust: ❑Yes ❑No

Rider Name_____ (first / m. / last)

Total Amount Enclosed: $_____

Address_____ (street / city / state / zip)

Phone (____)_____

AMA#_____ Rider's Age_____ Passenger Name_____ Age_____

Visitor Center) But, it was so cold we didn't want to turn around since our private copies were (Don't laugh....) at home.

After about 2 miles, we faced a 2 lane black top. Howard notes it's Hwy 11 and to the right is the town of Round Oak and to the left is other stuff. Well, I knew the original route didn't go though or close to Round Oak, so we turned left. After about 5 miles, we were at Ezell Rd and thus back on the now useful route sheet! From there on, the humbled cohort of 13 riders rode as a group back to Barnes Mountain Rd.

Terry and I stopped at the left turn entrance to Terry Dishroon's private trails, as the main contingent headed for the woods. Terry followed with the girls in close pursuit and I entered toward the tail end. One group missed a turn and I beeped the Suzuki's horn until they started to turn around. I made it to staging and most everyone was there except Mrs. and Mrs. Emilio and the Dancing Girls. I first thought that the girls were doing it in the woods, but, then realized everyone else was in the parking area, so that couldn't be! Rick Tieslau went back to the trail entrance for a sweep and I headed for the exit to ride the route backwards.

As soon as I made it to the exit, out comes Laurena and Laura. The girls got lost since after the fellows throttled up upon entering the woods. Typical male characteristic!

Laurena tells the story "We didn't know which way to go". Laura noted to her (on the trail) I'll follow you since I always follow someone on dual Sport Rides! Laurena laughed since she has never ridden point. But, she listened to the engine sounds and decided on what route to follow. Some how after their adventure there was no energy left for a dance. Drats! Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Cobo made it out of the woods after doing some archeological survey.

Winter Dual Sport Ride: TheSequel

About one week after the event with thanks to Beno Rodi and James Hiter my 1974 Triumph TR5T vintage dual sport was running and sounding pretty good. It was time, after about, 50 miles around Snellville and another 50 or so in the Sardinia, OH area to get the machine in the dirt. I called Clyde Brown and asked if he wanted to repeat the Winter ride and warned him that I was riding the Triumph and I may break down (or leak all the oil out)

Clyde and I met on March 29, another cold morning, with the TR5T not very happy with 30-degree weather. But, it started, settled in with a nice idle and Clyde and I left about 0930. Clyde didn't make the rain date since he raced the Cherokee Enduro on 3-16. So, he followed me, smelling the still too rich Amal mixture tainted with an occasional puff of oil smoke. We made it to Julliette in record time (essentially the same as with the modern bikes). The Café wasn't open yet so we opted for gourmet sandwiches at the Chevron station. It was cold!! My resetable odometer on the Triumph was very optimistic.

Prior to us riding Terry Dishroon had removed the arrows except those behind the gated roads in the Piedmont. Terry noted that he was called and they weren't too happy that the arrows were still up. Terry noted that the roads were gated but? Clyde and I checked in at the Visitor Center and asked the fellow whether the roads were still gated. He said yes, it's to keep the hunters out of that area. I asked how could we remove our arrows. He said, can't you guys ride around those, you look like you have lots of experience (meaning we looked like a couple of old f..ts). WE noted our ethics with gated roads and requested that he inform Enforcement . He did. Clyde and I bypassed the gates, sometime going farther into the woods than we wanted, secondary to the post anchoring cables, etc. The Triumph slipped once when a vine caught the left foot peg and my size 11s. Somehow, I ended up pulling the wire and the terminal off the oil pressure switch, which is in a very vulnerable position.

So, how did the Triumph run? Great, nothing loosened up (BIG surprise) and only a minor oil mist at the rocker boxes and push rod tube (SOP is more than a mist). Oil level was up, chain was still well lubed. Any nits on the Triumph: yes, 190cc of 30W fork oil in 30 degree weather equates to absolutely no dampening effect at all. The wrists, hands and arms were hurting.

Subsequent to the ride, the Amal main jet was decreased to a 190 and the needle clip placed in the upper groove. It now runs sharper, the oil mist is now at SOP rates and two of the 4 valve covers have loosened (a problem Triumph never fixed). Fork oil changed to 190cc of 15 weight and the handlebar and lever position was changed to a more comfortable position.

Next challenge is the WDSRC Dual Sport Grand Tour with stops I scheduled for Grant's School House and Birthplace in Ohio, stops during the Spring Fling in Andrews, NC and stops in the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forest. Anyone have a Big Foot or Easter Bunny Costume? Swampy has these weird points requirements.

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The Great American Dual Sport Grand Tour Registration Form

Please Print Legibly

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY, STATE:_____

Zip_____Email_____Phone:_____

Bike Information:_____

AMA#_____(optional) WDSRC#_____(If Already A Member)

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

Entry Fee: _____ $45 Non-Current WDSRC Members (Entry Includes 2003 Membership)
(Check One)

_____ $30 Current WDSRC Members (Include Membership Number Above)

Make Check Payable And Mail To:
WDSRC Grand Tour, P.O. Box 443, New Port Richey, FL, 34656

THIS IS A RELEASE. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby give up all my rights to sue or make any claim for damages due to negligence or any other reason whatsoever against the American Motorcyclist Association and its district organizations, the promoters, sponsors, and all other persons, participants or organizations conducting or connected with his event for injury to property or person I may suffer, including crippling injury or death, while participating in the event and while upon event premises.

I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the event and while upon the event premises and, relying upon my own judgement and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.

Date: _____ Rider Signature:_____

Witness Signature:_____ Date:_____

The Great American Dual Sport Grand Tour

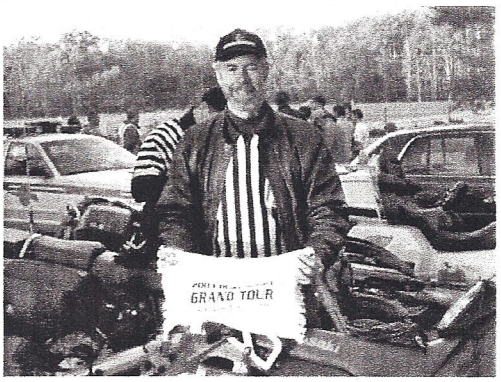
Presnted By The Withlacoochee Dual Sport Riders Club
Runs April 1 thru October 31, 2003
Last Day To Enter: July 1, 2003

AMA SANCTIONED

Are you looking for something different to do? Like to ride? Then come join those that are riding the Great American Dual Sport Grand Tour! Here's what it's all about. You're out riding your dual sport motorcycle anyway so you might as well be participating in an event to earn points and prizes!

All you have to do is stop and take pictures of where you've been. You get points. Easy as that. Let me give you an example:

-You're up riding in Suches Georgia, heck, take some pictures, earn some points!
-You're riding your DRZ in the Ocala National Forest. Take some pictures, earn some points!
-You're riding your KTM in the Rocky Mountains. Take some pictures, earn some points!
-Cruising the Catskills on your KLR? That's right, take some pictures, earn some points!



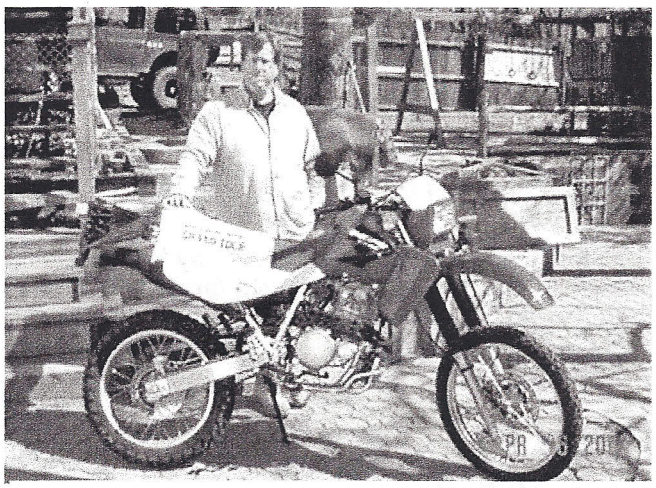
BeemerDon Grand Touring in NC

Yes, it's that easy! You probably travel all over riding in different locations. You probably take trips with your buddies, bring the bike on the family vacation, meet up with folks at numerous dual sport events. You're already doin' it, so earn some points!

Here's the deal:

You need to visit these areas: National Forests, National Parks, National Recreation Areas, State Forests, Public ORV Areas, BLM Lands, Wildlife Management Areas, etc. You take a picture of your bike with the tour flag by a sign for that place and presto...you get points!

What about Bonus Points? We got plenty of them! You get bonus points for getting pictures of you, your tour flag, your bike and Swampy, you get bonus points for pictures at elevation signs, you get bonus points at quaint roadside attractions, Ranger Visitor Centers, Scenic Parkways, Highest Points in a state, and so on. Man, it's soooo easy!



Joe Doin' The Grand Tour in New York...

Plus: The Grand Tour E-group allows participants to share stories, post pictures and share whatnot! AND there is a monthly E-Group Bonus!

So get off your duff, grab the camera and get riding! You're gonna do it anyway!

This is open to all current WDSRC members. You get: A Grand Tour bike towel, AMA/Dunlop Grand Tour Pin, Great American Dual Sport Grand Tour t-shirt, and a whole lotta fun! So fill out the registration for AND GET OUT THERE AND RIDE!

The Highlanders: Outdoor Recreational Resource Services

Spring Fling

Dual Sport Tour, May 17 & 18, Andrews, North Carolina

Mail Entry Form To: "The Highlanders"

Outdoor Recreation Resource Services (THORRS)
P.O. Box 1274 • Cullowhee, NC 28723
(828) 293-0426 dirtpilotn@aol.com

Include your check or money order along with your registration form and signed waiver below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Event T-Shirt Order available to those who pre-register only

$15.00 each ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL

_____ Total T-Shirt Amount

Sat. Evening B.B.Q. $12.00 per person

_____ Total BBQ Amount Number for B.B.Q. _____

Ride

_____ Saturday only (including lunch) $30
_____ Saturday and Sunday $50
_____ Sunday only $20
_____ Passenger $10

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

You must read and sign below for registration to be valid

I the undersigned, hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age and I give this release and waiver for myself, heirs, successors, and representatives. I agree to release, The Highlanders Outdoor Recreation Resource Services, and their owner/operators, and all other agents and representatives from any liability loss, damage, costs, claims, lawsuits and/or cause of action including, but not limited to, all bodily injuries, including death and property damage, arising out of any aspect of my attending at or participation in any event sponsored by The Highlanders Outdoor Recreation Resource Services, and any other participating sponsors. No matter whether on the premises where the event is taking place or while preparing for or participating in any activity associated with the event. I understand and accept the risk of danger to myself and my property while participating in the Spring Fling Dual Sport self guided tour and agree to assume all such risk of loss and agree to indemnify and reimburse the above named entities for all costs which may result from damages incurred due to my negligence, omissions or intentional acts of minor children and/or pets which are in my care, custody, care and/or control. I understand and accept that in the course of my attendance at and participation in the Spring Fling Dual Sport self-guided tour, film, or photographs may be taken, or illustrations may be made of me and/or my personal property (including my motorcycle). I acknowledge and agree that such film/photographs and /or illustrations may be used in any medium by The Highlanders Outdoor Recreation Resource Services for advertising and promotional purposes in any medium, without compensation to me. I agree I will not bring nor consume beer or any other alcoholic beverages, nor any substance or drug (legal or otherwise) which may adversely affect judgment or physically participating in the Spring Fling Dual Sport, self-guided tour.

Date _____

Signature _____

REQUIREMENTS

All participants must be legally licensed motorcycle operators. Parental consent required for minors. All bikes must be street legal. USDA spark arrestors and mufflers are required. NO loud bikes will be permitted to participate. This is a self-guided tour and a roll chart will be provided to guide you on your adventure at registration.

STAGING AREA

Meet atAndrews Valley Inn in Andrews, N. C.

Saturday Tour
8:00 am Registration
5:00 pm Finish (Riders must be back in order to be eligible for door prizes)

Sunday Tour
8:00 am Registration
3:00 am Finish

PRE-ENTRY deadline **May 9, 2003**

PRE-ENTRY FEE -

Saturday $32.00 **(includes lunch)**
Sunday $22.00 (lunch on your own)
Both Days $54.00

REGISTRATION after May 9, 2003

Saturday - $37.00 (includes lunch).
Sunday - $27.00
Both Days $64.00

Pre-entry forms received after May 9th will be held until the day of the event for registration at the $37.00 rate for Saturday and $27.00 for Sunday. Passengers will be charged for the Saturday lunch at $6.00

For information contact Nancy at
(828) 293-0426/days 293-9598/evenings
dirtpilotn@aol.com

Reservations at the Andrews Valley Inn
1-888-777-7901
http://www.andrewsvalleyinn.com/

Suspension 101

By Bruce Triplett

Hi. My name is Bruce Triplett (**SHOKDOC**) of Bruce's Suspension. This is the first of a series of columns dealing with suspension. I will start with the basics and work up. So if you have a handle on the basics, please hang in there. I will get to the good stuff later.

Definitions:
Free Length – The length of your spring without any load.
Preload – The length you compress the spring from it's freeload length.
Race Sag – The extended length (measured between the swinging arm and the rear fender) minus the compressed length with the rider on the cycle.

The most basic of the basics is having the tools needed to do the job. Get a service manual for your bike. The pro mechanics have to use them, so do you, even more so. Get a torque wrench. You do not need an expensive one - a 1/2" beam unit is perfect. Have an assortment of good hand tools: sockets, wrenches, screwdrivers, punches, hammers, hacksaw, etc. You will need a work stand to get the cycle up in the air. A ruler - I use one with inch markings because it is hard to find one with inches and metric that is over 30" long. You will need some chemicals: water proof grease, carb cleaner, WD40 or alike, chain oil, air cleaner oil, etc.

Now let's get started with the basic suspension work - servicing the swinging arm, linkage, and shock bearings. If this stuff is not properly serviced, greased, smooth operating, and no worn parts, the best spring and valved shock will not work properly. If the bearings are rusting, frozen, or worn, you will not be able to get proper race sag, proper spring rates, or a properly adjusted shock.

Who needs to do this maintenance? If you just bought a new cycle, take it apart and do the service. The factories do not do a good job of lubing the bearings and using waterproof grease. If your present cycle has not had this service and inspection done within the last 5 months, do the service. If you recently purchased a used cycle, do the service and be prepared to buy some parts. This maintenance should be done every six months, and sooner if you use a pressure washer. A simple test is to have the cycle up on a stand so that the rear wheel is off the ground. Grab the top of the wheel, at 12 o'clock, and lift up on the wheel. If you have free play, you have wear starting. Take it apart and inspect and replace worn parts and properly service and re-torque all parts.

While you have everything apart and servicing the linkage, take the shock off. Loosen the spring up and measure the free length (length of the spring with no load) of the spring. Then reset the preload (compression of the spring from free length) on the spring to 1/2" on linkage systems and 1/4" on non-linkage systems and most Honda XR's. If the spring is proper for your weight, the race sag (see definition above) will be within + or – 1/4" on linkage systems and 1/8" on non-linkage systems and most Honda XR's. Also while the shock is off have it serviced if the cycle is over 9 months old or you just purchased it used. If it is a new cycle, have the nitrogen pressure recharged to factory specs. The next column will deal with the race sag and spring rates.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 704-637-Fork (3675) or on my web site, **www.brucessuspension.com.** I will answer your questions and if it is a question others will benefit from, I will use it in a future column.

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2003 WDSRC/Dixie Dual Sport Calender

Date	Name	Rating	City	ST	Promoter	Contact
Jan 18	Swampfox DSR	D/O	Charleston	SC	Family Riders	843/795-8403
Jan 25/26	Devil's Creek DSR	ADO	Dade City	FL	WDSRC	727/847-3543
Feb 16	Winter DSR	D	Mansfield	GA	GARTRA	770/979-8310
Mar 2	Bike Week	D/O	Eureka	FL	WDSRC	727/847-3543
May 31/1	The Hooch DSR	D	Suches	GA	GARTRA	770/979-8310
June 21/22	Grt Smokey Mtn DSR	D	Kodak	TN	HRAC	423/349-7567
July TBA	WDSRC Forest Clean Up		Everywhere		WDSRC	727/847-3543
Aug TBA	Historic DSR	D	Oconee NF	GA	GARTRA	707/979-8310
Aug TBA	Amsterdam DSR	D/O	Amsterdam	GA	TTR	850/539-5334
Sept 13/14	Central Florida Adventure	A/D	Mt Dora	FL	WDSRC	727/847-3543
Oct TBA	Oktoberfest DSR	D	Waynesville	NC	Highlanders	828/293-0426
Oct 4/5	Gulf Coast 200	D/O	Saucier	MS	SandBlasters	228/392-1404
Oct 4/5	Shenandoah 500	D	Mt Solon	VA	NVTRA	703/967-0650
Oct TBA	Fall Foliage DSR	D	Tiger	GA	GARTRA	707/979-8310
Nov TBA	Sandlapper DSR	D	Pelion	SC	CERA	803/788-4220
Nov 1/2	Cheaha DSR	D	Sylacauga	AL	WDSRC	727/847-3543

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Event Bike Suitability Rating
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D = Dual Sports
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For More Information: 727/847-3543 or email: president@wdsrc.com

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Name_____WDSRC#_____D.O.B._____

Mailing Address_____

City/ST/Zip_____

County_____Phone#_____E-Mail_____

Where Did You Hear Of WDSRC?_____Bike Info_____

Signature:_____Date:_____

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